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RE:
PATENT APPLICATION # 10/771,632 filed 2/5/2004:
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING CHARACTERISTICS OF
THIN FILMS AND COATINGS ON SUBSTRATES

Dear Sir,

According to the USPTO website information, you sent us an office action last September.

As our secretary informed the secretary of your Art Unit by phone, and as I informed you by phone, we did not receive it.

Will you please kindly re-mail or/and re-fax (to 408-376-4050) your office action/communication?

If you cannot do it because of any reasons, will you please kindly inform us what are the reasons and what shall be our course of actions, as in no way we would like to loose this patent.

On behalf of the authors,
Sincerely, with best regards

Norm Gitis

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